

XLVth CONGRESS—2d SESSION

REGULAR REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE BANKRUPT LAW TAKEN UP IN THE SENATE.—GORDON ATTEMPTS TO CALL UP SHIELD'S PENSION CASE—THE HOUSE DISCUSSES THE MODE OF PAYING PENSIONS.

Senate.... WASHINGTON, April 10, 1878.

In the Senate, to-day, a number of memorials and petitions of the usual class were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. SARGENT (Rep., Ct.), from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to regulate the appointments of cadet midshipmen in the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Placed on the calendar.

He also reported adversely upon bills for the relief of John R. Bond, and for the relief of Thornton A. Jenkins, which were indefinitely postponed.

Mr. INGALLS (Dem., Ind.) from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill to pay the counsel of the United States in Osage Land cases. Placed on the calendar.

On motion of Mr. BRUCE (Rep., Miss.) the Committee on the Mississippi Levees was increased by two additional members.

Mr. VOORHEES (Dem., Ind.) offered a resolution directing the Committee on Pensions to call a hearing to grant pensions to soldiers of the war of 1812, their widows and orphans, and said he would call it up on the 30th instant.

A FEW BILLS PASSED.

On motion of Mr. MERRIMON (Dem., N. J.) the House bill to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. WALLACE (Dem., Penn.) the bill for the relief of John W. Douglass, of Pennsylvania, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. HILL (Dem., Ga.) the Senate took up the bill for the relief of John W. Barnard, late Collector of Georgia.

A debate upon the alleged deficiencies, as apparently shown by the report of the Secretary of the Treasury in 1871, sprung up.

Mr. DAVIS (Rep., W. Va.) claimed that this report was based upon calculations of collectors to an amount of over \$50,000,000.

Mr. DAWES (Rep., Mass.) contended that it was only an apparent deficit, growing out of the mode of accounting by the Treasury Department for all uncollected revenue.

Mr. ALLISON (Rep., Ill.) said that on the table referred to by Mr. Davis, a collector who was now before the Senate, had a balance due him in the amount of over \$60,000, while the report of the committee shows that he owes the Government only \$8,000, which was taken by his deputy without any fault on the part of Mr. McBurney.

After further debate the bill was passed.

Mr. MCLEWIS (Rep., Ohio) offered an amendment to the bill to prevent the Resumption Act. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. EATON (Dem., Conn.) gave notice that he would call up the bill in relation to the arrest of Benj. Noyes, after the morning hour-to-morrow.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War transmitting a report of Generals O. Howard and A. H. Terry. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

GORDON WANTS A VOTE AS TO SHIELDS.

Mr. GORDON (Dem., Ga.) rose to a correction of the Journal of yesterday, by which it appears that the bill of the House, placing General Shields on the retired list of the army, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. When the bill was introduced Mr. Gordon said he rose in the hour and moved its present consideration, to which Mr. Edwards objected. He held that under the Twenty-fifth rule the bill ought not to have been referred, but that it was still on the table or had been erroneously referred.

The Chair said that the bill had been read by title, and the chair had announced the reference, when the gentleman rose.

Mr. GORDON claimed that having made the motion, the bill was not, under the Twenty-fifth rule, to go to the committee without a motion by some Senator to refer it.

Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.) said the statement of the Senator vindicated the journal.

The bill was then referred by a motion to the committee to which it was referred.

Mr. EATON (Dem., Conn.) gave notice that he would like to test the sense of the Senate, and the chair would like to know as to whether the objection he had made was of a character to keep the bill before the Senate.

The CHAIR proposed that the Senator put his suggestion into the question.

Mr. GORDON suggested that the Chair rule whether or not the bill was before the Military Committee.

THE CHAIR ruled that it was not.

Mr. GORDON said, with respect to the Chair, and the other members of the Senate, he would appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Before a vote was taken he withdrew his appeal, and offered a motion to correct the journal, so as to read as follows: "If the Senator so desired, the bill will be considered in a second time."

Mr. MERRIMON (Dem., N. C.) and Mr. HERIFORD (Dem., W. Va.) objected to this as not stating accurately the words of the Chair.

Mr. GORDON (Dem., Ga.) again amended his motion, so as to strike out the words, "Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs."

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